

IC 4-4-16.5

Chapter 16.5. Steel Industry Advisory Commission

IC 4-4-16.5-1

"Commission" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the steel industry advisory commission established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1.

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Establishment; members; appointments; officers

Sec. 2. (a) The steel industry advisory commission is established consisting of thirteen (13) members.

(b) The lieutenant governor shall nominate and the governor shall appoint nine (9) members of the commission based on the following requirements:

(1) One (1) member must be the lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee.

(2) Five (5) members must be representatives of the steel industry in Indiana (as defined in the Steel Import Stabilization Act of 1984, P.L.98-573, Title VIII, Sections 801 to 806, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3043 to 3046 (19 U.S.C. Section 2253 note)).

(3) One (1) member must be a representative of a labor union that represents steelworkers.

(4) One (1) member must be a member of the faculty of the School of Business of Indiana University.

(5) One (1) member must be a member of the faculty of the School of Engineering of Purdue University.

(c) The lieutenant governor shall solicit recommendations from individuals associated with the steel industry and labor unions that represent steelworkers before making the nominations for appointments required by subsection (b)(2) and (b)(3), respectively.

(d) Four (4) members of the commission shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Two (2) members, not more than one (1) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, must be members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(2) Two (2) members, not more than one (1) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, must be members of the senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(e) The appointment of members under subsection (d) shall be made each even numbered year after the first session day in November of the first regular session of the general assembly. The terms of the members are two (2) years.

(f) The lieutenant governor, or the lieutenant governor's designee, serves as chairman of the commission. The commission shall provide for the selection of other officers as it determines appropriate.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.29-1995, SEC.1.

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Term of members; reappointment

Sec. 3. (a) The term of each appointed member of the commission is two (2) years beginning July 1, 1987. A member may be reappointed to the commission.

(b) The governor may appoint an individual to fill a vacancy on the commission for the unexpired term.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1.

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Salary per diem and expenses of members

Sec. 4. Only the members of the commission appointed under section 2(a)(3) through 2(a)(5) of this chapter are entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). However, each member is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1.

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Examination of existing law, current problems, and matters relevant to future of steel industry

Sec. 5. The commission shall conduct an examination of:

- (1) existing Indiana and federal statutes, rules, and regulations that either encourage or discourage production and consumption of Indiana steel;
- (2) the problems currently faced by the Indiana steel industry, including foreign competition and the economic climate for the steel industry in Indiana; and
- (3) any other matters considered relevant to the future of the steel industry in Indiana.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1.

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Studies; annual report and summary letter; assistance of government agencies

Sec. 6. (a) The commission shall conduct appropriate studies and present an annual report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the legislative council and a summary letter in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly through the legislative council no later than December 1 each year. The report must address the following issues:

- (1) Ways in which the utilization of Indiana steel can be expanded within Indiana and the world.
- (2) Ways in which any additional problems included in the examination conducted under section 5 of this chapter may be remedied.
- (3) Recommend modification, if any, of state statutes or rules.

(b) The commission may request officials of government agencies in Indiana to attend its meetings and provide technical assistance and information as requested by the commission.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.28-2004, SEC.27.

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Advising state and local government officials

Sec. 7. The commission shall, upon request, advise state and local government officials on questions and matters affecting the steel industry.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1.

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General counsel; private sector technical expertise

Sec. 8. (a) The chairman, with approval of a majority of the members, may appoint a general counsel to the commission who shall serve pro bono publico.

(b) Each private sector member of the commission shall make available to the commission the technical expertise of the member's organization to assist the commission in fulfilling its mandate.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1.

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Staff services and other technical assistance

Sec. 9. The department of commerce shall provide staff services and other technical assistance to the commission.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1.

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Funding

Sec. 10. Funding for the commission's activities shall be derived from funds appropriated to the department of commerce. Funds required for any third-party studies approved by a majority vote of the commission's members shall come from contributions by the steel industry or other interested parties, as well as those funds that may be made available to the department of commerce. However, it is anticipated that the combined existing technical resources of the various participating institutions, organizations, and agencies shall satisfy the commission's technical support requirements.

As added by P.L.163-1987, SEC.1.